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Hello, my name is Stanley Leszczynski, and I am writing to voice my opinion on the DVD/DeCSS issue. I personally do not own a DVD, but plan on purchasing one in the near future. Also, I have helped many of my friends and co-workers buy, and setup DVD players. Numerous friends of mine have Linux boxes (computers) and have wished to play DVDs on these computers. Until DeCSS came out they were not able to do this. Just because the industry cannot or refuses to support this operating system, dose not mean these people should not be able to view DVDs. Also, the copying of DVDs for personal use should be legal. If I buy a DVD, just as a CDROM, I should be able to make backup copies for myself if I so choose. Also, I would like to comment on the case of the Movie Industry vs. www.2600.com, etc. This case is ridiculous. DeCSS is a tool like anything else. Its main goal was to allow the playing of DVDs on any computer with a DVD player, not just computers with "Media Approved" software/hardware. Furthermore, the supposed transfer of DVD's over the Internet is even more farfetched than just making copies of DVD's. It takes approx. 30 seconds to download a 1MB file from the net, with a T1 connection. Most users have a 56k modem connection, so there time is much larger (anywhere from 20 to 30 minutes, on a good day). DVDs hold GIGS of information, making them impossible to transfer over the Internet. And my final point is: The encryption used has been defeated. Instead of trying to use the law, or their power to try to stop the spread of this program, the industry should look into a better way of protecting their merchandise. This kind of cat and mouse game is inevitable in the world of computers. So instead of trying to "take down as many of the people involved" they should be concentrating on improving their encryption technology. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Stanley Leszczynski